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SUBJECT: VISIT OF EMIGRATION STATE SECRETARY JOAO LIMA

REF: ROWELL - OKUN TELECON OF JAN 31, 1977

1. LIMA BIO: DR. JOAO ALFREDO FELIX VIEIRA LIMA, 35, WAS NAMED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EMIGRATION IN THE SOARES GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST 1976. HE WAS ALSO ELECTED IN APRIL 1976 AS ONE OF THE TWO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES REPRESENTING EUROPEAN EMIGRANTS. LIMA PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN ELECTED AS A SOCIALIST DEPUTY TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, AND SERVED AS CABINET CHIEF TO DEPFONMIN MEDEIROS FERREIRA IN THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT. LIMA PRACTICED LAW FOR 14 YEARS IN HIS HOMETOWN OF VISEU. HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH EMIGRATION PROBLEMS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AT THE EMIGRATION STUDY CENTER. THE STATE SECRETARY IS BIRGHT, ATTRACTIVE, AND EXCELLENT RACONTEUR. HE IS MARRIED. LIMA WILL REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER.

2. EMIGRANT CONCERNS: LIMA HAS NEGOTIATED PLACEMENT

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OF PORTUGUESE RETURNEES FROM AFRICA WITH VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, ICEM, AND OTHERS. HE MENTIONED TWO MAJOR CONCERNS IN SEPT 1976 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR: THE NEED TO FIND EMIGRATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETURNEES AND PORTUGAL'S POOR IMAGE IN THE LUSO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE AMBASSADOR DISCOURAGED LIMA FROM EXPECTING ADDITIONAL EMIGRATION PLACES TO THE UNITED

STATES AND LIMA HAS NOT RAISED THE ISSUE SINCE.
THE AMBASSADOR OFFERED FULL COOPERATION IN
GOP EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE IN U.S. EMIGRANT
COMMUNITY. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING MAXIMUM EXPOSURE FOR LIMA.

3. SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS:

--EUR/WE: ROBERT BARBOUR;
--SCA: BARBARA WATSON OR PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING
DEPUTY JOHN DEWITT;
--STATE DEPT DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR REFUGEE AND
MIGRATION: JAMES CARLIN;
--SENATORS BROOKE, PELL, CHAFFEE, AND KENNEDY;
--REPRESENTATIVES HECKLER, STUDDS, AND CONGRESS-
PERSONS FROM PORTUGUESE DISTRICTS IN RHODE ISLAND;
NEWARK, N.J.; AND SAN JOSE, CALIF;
--CARDINAL MEDEIROS;
--CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE;
--PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS OF ETHNIC GROUPS TO COMPARE
LINKS BETWEEN NATIVE COUNTRIES AND EMIGRANT GROUPS:
E.G. ITALIAN COMMITTEE FOR IMMIGRATION IN NY.
--HEW: OFFICE SUPPORTING FOREIGN LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION IN U.S.
--DEPT. OF LABOR OFFICE WHICH ISSUES LABOR
CERTIFICATIONS FOR INTENDING IMMIGRANTS.
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